MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FORTY-FOURTH DAY.

Wednesday, 29th April 1959.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore at One of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER (SRI L. H. THIMMA BOVI, B.A.) in the Chair.

Sri H.M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—I would like to submit that since I am due to go to Bombay very urgently on personal business, I would request that the short notice question which has been tabled by Hon'ble Member Sri B. V. Desai may be taken up first.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Yes.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Sharing of Tunga-Bhadra waters and power between Andhra and Mysore States.

Q.—29. Sri B. V. DESAI (Gangavathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the press news published in "Deccan Herald" dated 24th April 1959 regarding the sharing of Tungabhadra Water and Power between Andhra and Mysore State ;

(*b*) whether they have discussed the following proposals in the meeting of the Inter-State Ministers' Conference of Andhra Pradesh and Mysore State in February 1959 ;

(i) transfer of Tungabhadra head-works and the entire canal to Andhra Pradesh Government with a guarantee that Mysore's irrigational needs in the nearby area would be met ;

(ii) transfer of the entire Tungabhadra headworks area to the Andhra Pradesh in exchange for other areas in Bellary :

(*c*) if so, whether they have taken any decision ;

(*d*) whether they are going to discuss afresh the sharing of water and power under the Tungabhadra Project, and the functions to be entrusted to the Tungabhadra Board in the Inter-State Ministerial Conference proposed to be held on 20th May 1959;

(*e*) whether the Mysore State or the Andhra Pradesh is the major beneficiary under the Tungabhadra Project?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) No.

(ii) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) the question of discussing afresh the sharing of water and power in regard to the common portions of the project does not arise, as it has already been settled. As regards the latter part of the question, the agenda for the next conference as also the date or dates on which it will be held are yet to be finalised. It is, however, likely that the future set-up of the Board will be discussed.

(*e*) Mysore.

Sri B. V. DESAI.—In answer to (*d*) you have stated that there is no question of sharing of water in regard to common portions. Which are the common portions of Tungabhadra Project and which are exclusively of Mysore State?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As the Hon'ble Member knows, the common portions of Tungabhadra

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Project are the portions that are now under the management and execution by the Board, that is, the right half of the damand that portion of the right bank canal which is now being handled by the Board and such other works as would be entrusted to the management of the Board by both Governments.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I rise to a point of order. May I know under what provision of the rules the Speaker has allowed this short notice question to be taken up first? At Lok Sabha, late Sri Mavalankar ruled out a similar request. He said that the Deputy Minister will look after the answering of question and short notice questions should not have precedence over other questions. If the Hon'ble Minister prefers to remain in the House, he may; but if he does not care to remain he may go and his Deputy Minister will answer the question. So, I request the Hon'ble Speaker to tell me under what provision of the rules he has given permission to take up the Short Notice Question first.

Sri M.N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public works).–You should have raised it in the beginning. It is now too late.

Sri B. V. DESAI.—What about Left Bank canal?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—So far as Left Bank canal is concerned, the sharing of power does not arise.

Sri B. V. DESAI.—As things stand, they do not. But in the Inter-State Ministerial Conference of February last as per the Press Report, it is evident that this matter also was referred to the Central Government. Is it not a fact?

Sri H. M. CHANNABS APPA.—Well, Sir, the question that was referred to and discussed at the Inter-State Ministers' Conference pertains to so many things. Amongst them, the question that came up for consideration was the question of allocation of surplus water of Tungabhadra after providing necessary water for the existing irrigation works under the Tungabhadra.

Sri B. V. DESAI.—So far as Left Bank Canal is concerned, the length of canal is 127 miles of the irrigated area. I would like to know the extent of irrigated area so far as Mysore State is concerned under Left Bank and Right Bank canals and lower canal and high level canals.

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—In answer to the supplementary put just a few minutes ago, I would like to add that though the Mysore Government were emphatically of the opinion that so far as the existing arrangements are concerned, the question of sharing of water with Andhra Government does not arise and it is exclusively the right of the Mysore Government to utilise the water that is allotted under the Left Bank canal. With regard to the extent of irrigated areas under the different canals, for the information of the House I would like to furnish the following information; under the Left Bank canal, we have 5.8 lakhs of acres up to 127 miles; but the project report envisages extension of this canal for a further length of 14 miles making it 141 miles. Under the right bank low level canal, the total extent that is allotted to Mysore is 93,000 acres and under the high level canal, it will be 1.2 lakhs of acres as against a total of 3.8 lakhs of acres.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, in answer to (*c*) you have denied (*b*) (i) and (ii) and said. that does not arise". What exactly is the agenda for the proposed meeting, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state? Is there a joint meeting with regard to this matter?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There is going to be a joint meeting as originally decided in the last meeting alone, some time during the month of May. It is not correct to say that on 24th May alone we are going to consider this matter.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the agenda?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It has to be finalised.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether the subject of sharing the

†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

waters of Tungabhadra forms part of the agenda for 24th May 1959?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I would like to draw a clear distinction between two things; sharing of waters of Tungabhadra Project is quite different from sharing of waters of Tungabhdra river. So far as sharing of Tungabhadra waters are concerned, it is a question still open for consideration by both Governments and also at Government levels and so far as sharing of waters of Tungabhadra Project is concerned, as I have already stated, the question is closed. So far as the Left Bank canal is concerned, as disclosed from the project that has been sanctioned, the entire water flowing in the Left Bank canal is to be utilised by Mysore.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it proposed to discuss these two questions namely (*b*) (i) and (ii) at the proposed meeting? Are these two questions likely to figure at the ensuing meeting?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As already said, the question of transfer of Tungabhadra Headworks to Andhra Pradesh is not a question before us. Probably, the Chief Minister of Andhra had in his mind the question of transfer of Head works of Rajolbanda and not Tungabhadra. That is my presumption. It is not correct to say that the transfer of Tungabhadra Headworks or anything of the kind came up for discussion at the Inter-State Conference and I presume it is not going to be one of the subjects in the agenda of the ensuing meeting.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is there any dispute in respect of the sharing of waters and, if so, will it affect our power projects?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—So far as we are concerned, there is no dispute. The Andhra Pradesh Government want the canal on the left bank of Thungabhadra project to go beyond 127 miles and the branch canal at Alampur and Podwal to be extended and water utilised for irrigation. But the project as sanctioned does not contemplate anything further than 127 miles in the first instance and 14 miles within the Mysore territory has been provided for in the project.

Sri B. V. DESAI.—How is it that after the conclusion of the Inter-State Ministers Conference some settlement regarding transfer of Thungabhadra project to Andhra was made by the most responsible Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and what steps are the Government going to take or have taken in the matter?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I should like to submit that, as I already said, probably it must have been a misrepresentation of facts in the press because I cannot expect the Chief Minister of Andhra to make a statement which would not be correct. Probably he has had in mind the question pertaining to headworks of Rajolibanda that arose in the meeting and the Andhra Government have suggested that the entire headworks of Rajolibanda may be handed over to them and also he had made another suggestion: instead of a few acres that we have, *viz.*, 7,000 under Rajolibanda they would make over to us some villages higher up the tank. But the Government of Mysore did not agree. Probably the Chief Minister of Andhra had that in his mind when he said that the question of transfer of Rajolibanda headworks was going to be discussed.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Misappropriation of funds in Manjunath Weavers' Co-operative Society, Sulkunte Village.

*Q.—72. Sri E. NARAYANA GOWDA (Bangarapet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the date on which the Manjunath Weavers' Co-operative Society at Sulkunte Village in Bangarapet Taluk was started;

(*b*) whether they have received complaints regarding the misappropriation of funds in the above society by its Secretary?